Clearance of Approach to Patna Airport

1371. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government sorted the matter with the Forest Department and other relevant Department to clear the approach to Patna Airport;

(b) whether there are other such airports that are dangerous in approach or take-off in the country; and

(c) the action taken on ground by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to give utmost importance to safety in terms of airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has approached Government of Bihar to prune trees in the approach path at Patna Airport.

(b) No operational airport, belonging to the Airports Authority of India, is dangerous in approach or takeoff path.

(c) Regular inspections of the airports are carried out to ensure the maintenance of safety standards, and deficiencies, if any, are removed.

Flights from Vienna to Hyderabad

1372. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for introducing direct international flights from Vienna to Hyderabad in view of Austrian Airlines proposal to operate between Vienna and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether Government would agree to the request

(c) if so, by when permission would be granted to Austrian Airlines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) In Feb. 2001, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, had requested for grant of permission to Austrian Airlines to operate from Hyderabad. However the Austrains, who were offered Hyderabad as a point of call during the bilateral negotiations held